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JOHN BARLEYCORN NOT SO VERY DEAD

Rumors to That Effect Have
Proved to be Exaggerated
Says Leech.

By L. HARPER LEECH.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—
"Feeling fine, thank you."
This cheery greeting is from Old
John Barleycorn, rumors of whose
death have been widely circulated dur-
ing the recent heated spell.
The rumors were "vastly exaggerat-
ed," as Mark Twain said on a similar
occasion.

National prohibition, as an amend-
ment to the food bill or as an emer-
gency war measure, has been defeated.
Although the Senate has passed a
resolution for a dry constitutional
amendment, that must go to the House,
and then 36 states must assent to it.
John's friends are confident they can
hold at least 13 commonwealths fast
for booze for many years to come.

Manufacture of whiskey or distilled
liquors is prohibited for the period of
the war—but the practical effect of
this is to enable the whiskey trust to
raise prices of three or four times
their normal level. The trust has
enough whiskey to supply booze con-
sumers for three years. Distillers se-
curities stock rises higher on 'change
than ever before.

The big distillers will not worry
about not being able to manufacture
drinking whiskey during the war.
Their plants will be kept going at full
speed to make alcohol for explosives.
The same thing that puts the kick in
grog puts the kick in smokeless pow-
der.

Industrial alcohol corporation (mun-
itions branch of the whiskey trust)
has just declared a dividend of 16 per
cent.

Whiskey is being withdrawn from
government bonded warehouses at the
rate of over 1,000,000 gallons per day.
Prices have been raised in every bar
room.

While the President is authorized
to commandeer whiskey in bond and
to redistill it for munitions, if this is
necessary to save foodstuffs which
would otherwise be made into alcohol
for munitions purposes, there is little
probability that the President will
seize this stuff. Alcohol for munitions
can be made from corn at 35 cents per
gallon. To redistill whiskey into indus-
trial alcohol, and to pay its owners,
as provided by law, would cost the gov-
ernment around \$1.20 a gallon, and the
government would lose \$2.20 in taxes
on each gallon seized.

Probably nothing gives Old John so
much pleasure as the plight in which
his false friends the brewers now find
themselves.

The brewery lobby in Washington
made a great fight on whiskey, favor-
ing prohibition of all distilled liquors.
They hoped this would give them more
business and also placate the prohibi-
tionists.

Taxes on beer have been doubled in
the new revenue bill. With the new
bone-dry law prohibiting shipment of
beer into dry territory, many brewers
will face bankruptcy.

Baseball at a Glance

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
Results Yesterday.
Chicago, 3; Pittsburgh, 2.
Cincinnati, 7; St. Louis, 0.
Cincinnati, 7; St. Louis, 6.
Standing of the Clubs.

	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	65	32	.670
Philadelphia	52	44	.542
Cincinnati	49	54	.522
St. Louis	56	52	.519
Chicago	55	53	.509
Brooklyn	49	52	.485
Boston	43	55	.439
Pittsburgh	33	70	.320

Today's Schedule.
Pittsburgh at Chicago.
Cincinnati at St. Louis.
Brooklyn at New York (2).
Philadelphia at Boston.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Results Yesterday.
Chicago, 4; Cleveland, 3.
Detroit, 8; St. Louis, 0.
No others scheduled.

*13 Innings.
Standing of the Clubs.

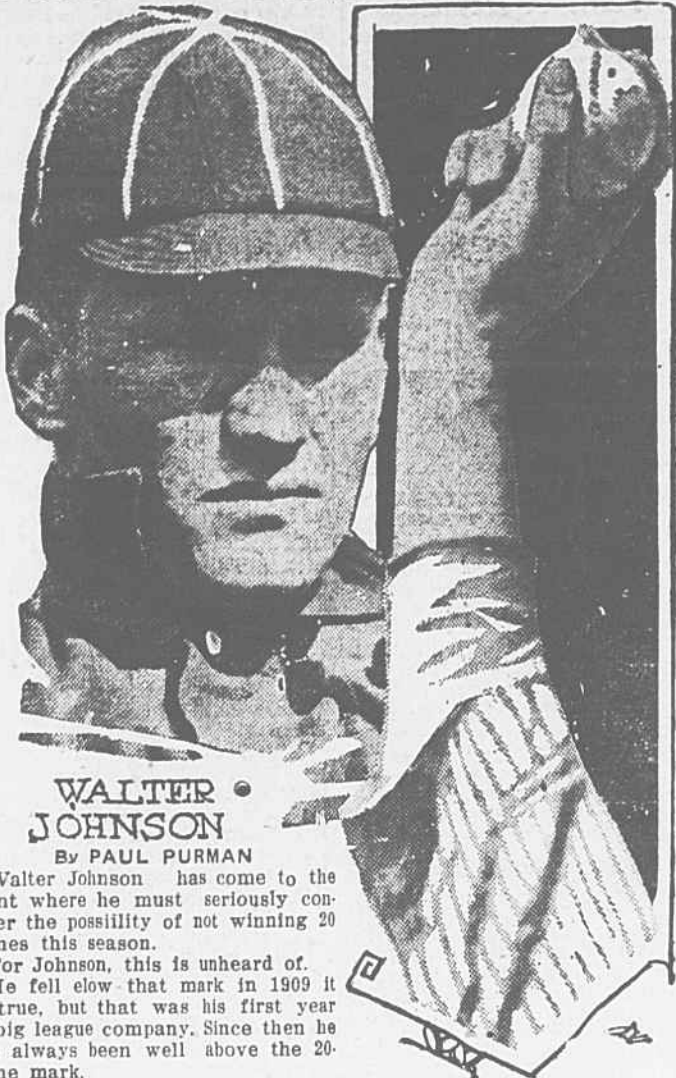
	W.	L.	Pct.
Chicago	68	42	.618
Boston	64	41	.610
Cleveland	60	52	.536
Detroit	57	52	.523
New York	53	52	.505
Washington	48	53	.453
Philadelphia	40	63	.388
St. Louis	40	70	.367

Today's Schedule.
Chicago at Cleveland.
St. Louis at Chicago.
New York at Washington.
Boston at Philadelphia.

HATFIELD IN ACTIVE SERVICE.
HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Aug. 13.—
Major H. D. Hatfield, former Governor
of West Virginia, has been assigned
to active duty as Adjutant General
McCain at Washington, and directed
to begin Monday a tour of the prin-
cipal cities of West Virginia to ex-
amine applicants for commissions in
the Medical Reserve Corps of the
United States Army. Lieut. William
C. Schlusser of Bluefield was directed
to report to Major Hatfield to assist
in the examinations. Major Hatfield
was directed to visit the following
cities: Parkersburg, New Martins-
ville, Wheeling, Weston, Buckhan-
non, Martinsburg, Grafton, Morgans-
town, Keyser, Fairmont, Carksburg
and Huntington.

HEALTH QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
J. P.: "Is pyrexia curable?"
Yes, if treatment is begun early un-
der the direction of a competent den-
tist. Twice yearly examination of the
teeth will prevent the disease getting
a start.

WALTER JOHNSON EXPERIMENTS AT EXPENSE OF 1917 RECORD TO SAVE ARM FOR YEARS YET!



WALTER
JOHNSON

By PAUL PURMAN

Walter Johnson has come to the
point where he must seriously con-
sider the possibility of not winning 20
games this season.

For Johnson, this is unheard of.
He fell slow that mark in 1909 it
is true, but that was his first year in
big league company. Since then he
has always been well above the 20-
game mark.

With less than two months to go
Johnson has won 15 and lost 13
games. For the first time since 1909
he is below the list of 500 pitchers at
this stage of the season.

With the exception of Joe Bush
of the Athletics, he has lost more
games than any other American
league pitcher.

In former years it has been true
that Johnson has lost games because
of poor support and weak hitting. In
the height of his career a consid-
erable number of his losses were due to
his club being unable to make a run
or two.

But this has not been the case
this year. Johnson has lost many
games when his teammates have
piled up half a dozen or more
runs behind him.

To break in to the class of 20 win-
ning game pitchers this year Johnson,
if he pitches no more frequently than
he has, must win four out of five of
his games.

It is scarcely probable that he will
pitch in many more games this season.
This means that he must pitch
superbly and must not save himself.
All of which brings up the question:
Is Johnson going back?

This cry is often raised when a ball-
player does not come up to high
marks of other years, but in this case
I would say no emphatically.

Johnson has been experiment-
ing. In this case the experiments
were costly to his record, but not
particularly to him.

Johnson had reached the point
where he realized his magnificent
speed could not be entirely de-
pendent upon for many years. It
was up to him to devise other
means of winning ball games.

Johnson has not lost his bullet-like
speed—he is just conserving it. In
the meantime he has been developing
a good slow ball, which in years to
come may rival Matty's fadeaway. He
is spending a great deal of time per-
fecting his curves.

Watch Johnson go through a ball

American Valves Prevent Water Waste

"Tis an ill wind that blows nobody
good" is exemplified in one result of
the torrid wave which marked the lat-
ter part of July.

Hundreds of communities were af-
fected by a water shortage due to ex-
cessive use of water for sprinkling and
cooling purposes and in some places
the municipal authorities forbade
sprinkling under penalty of a heavy
fine. In discussing this matter Presi-
dent C. C. Wedding, of the American
Valve and Tank company, states that
ordinarily one-sixth of the water sup-
ply in any community is wasted and
any device which will curtail the waste
is given more favorable attention dur-
ing water shortages.

The advertising campaign of the
American Valve and Tank company
includes a series of personal letters to
municipal authorities, architects and
property owners calling their attention

to the fact that American Valves and
Tanks save from 25 to 40 per cent. of
the water ordinarily used for closet
flushing purposes. A water shortage
lends extra weight to these letters and
results in increased orders for the com-
pany's product.

Then every ball zipped by the plate
with terrific speed. The batters as
a general rule were waiting warily.

Now there is an assortment of
curves and slow balls and very oc-
casionally a burst of old time speed.
The batter isn't wary. He has taken
a toe hold.

During the first month of this sea-
son Johnson had not reached a maxi-
mum efficiency in using his new pro-
duct. But he refused to try to go
through games using nothing but
speed and his averages suffered.

But Johnson has developed his
curves and speed to a high efficiency
and his latest games show he still has
a lot to keep the batters guessing.

Johnson is not going back. He has
several years before him, and his re-
solution in taking up curve and slow
ball pitching show that he is serious-
ly interested in pitching winning ball
for many seasons.

The best of American league batters
declare Johnson has as much stuff on
the ball as he ever had, but is not us-
ing so much speed.

Clark Griffith told me recently that
he expected Johnson to be as effective
in 1918 as he has ever been in his
career.

Eddie Ainsmith, who always catches
Johnson declares he has all of his
former speed, when he wishes to use
it.

So much for the stories that John-
son is going back.

Stories that Johnson has not been
trying may also be dismissed.

Walter Johnson is one of the most
earnest, hard-working players in the
game. When he is on the mound he
is always putting forth his best ef-
forts. Also Johnson's high-priced
contract expires this year and he has
additional incentive for being out
there trying.

Four Arrested For Robbing a Junk Man

Harry Jackson, Dan Robinson, Dan
Monday, all colored, and Jessie Jam-
son are all locked up in the county
jail awaiting a hearing on charges
of robbery. They were arrested Sat-
urday by Acting Chief of Police Sea-
man and Deputy Sheriff T. V. Buck-
ley.

They are charged with stealing sev-
eral articles from the junk shop and
second hand store on Water street
owned by Thomas Harden. They will
be given a hearing before one of the
county justices in all probabilities
late this afternoon.

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pany's product.

AUTHENTIC WAR BOOK FOR OUR READERS

Newspapers United in Big
Plan to Present Facts of
This Conflict

The world, as we know it today, is
the result of what wars and their
attending causes have made it.

Up to the present the public, on
whom the burden of war falls, has
had only the dispatches and press
news of what is happening across the
Atlantic. These first reports are of-
ten denied or distorted by later re-
ports to such an extent that they
cause great confusion in the minds
of our people, and wonderment as to
just what is authentic.

The West Virginian has striven to
the best of its ability to give the lat-
est news of this great conflict as fast
as it could be gathered. But at best
news and authentic history must
vary.

Ever awake to the enlightenment
of its readers the West Virginian in
connection with other large dailies
sought diligently for the best up-
to-date book it could find which would
be absolutely neutral, and setting
forth the facts as they will go down
in history.

We discovered a remarkably com-
plete book entitled "The Nations at
War," by the well known writer, Wil-
lis J. Abbot, author of other standard
books on international subjects who
has acquired recognition as an un-
prejudiced historian.

This volume, just off the press, cov-
ers every event from the assassina-
tion of Archduke Ferdinand up to
the American declaration of war.

This magnificent illustrated \$3.00
volume contains nearly six hundred
photographic reproductions taken on
the scenes of action, supplemented by
20 beautiful full-page color plates.

By taking its quota of the entire
first edition, however, The West Vir-
ginian is in a position to distribute
this interesting history to its readers
at a big discount from its regular
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per. Then get your copy at once.

Every page is beautifully illustrat-
ed, showing graphically the deeds of
valor, devastation of modern Europe,
destruction of historic cathedrals and
the diabolical havoc created by the
grim clutch of war, with its billions
of cost and mighty harvest of death.
The pictures have been taken where-
ever the events occurred by the brave
photographers who risked their lives
in order that everyone may actually
see what the nations at war have done
in the gigantic conflict.

The books are arriving in large
quantities and the presentation will
begin this coming Wednesday. In a
few years this unbiased history of
the world's greatest war will be price-
less.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wilfong, of
Pittsburg, have returned to their
home after attending the Hildebrand
reunion. While in this city they were
the guests of Mr. Wilfong's parents,
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilfong, of Lo-
cust avenue.

J. D. SANDY AND WIFE WERE BOTH MUCH IMPROVED

Told Druggist How Nerv-
Worth Did the Excellent
Work.

There is no sign that the tide of local
and neighborhood Nerv-Worth sales
ever will cease to flow. Here is a
statement which strengthens the sup-
position:

Burke's Drug Store—I have had
stomach trouble for a long time and
was tired all the time and felt miser-
able. I have tried different kinds of
medicine and none of them seemed to
do me any good until I started to take
Nerv-Worth and it has given me won-
derful results.

I feel like a new man. My tired feel-
ing all gone. It (Nerv-Worth) has also
helped my wife for headache. THE
FIRST MEDICINE THAT HAS DONE
HER ANY GOOD. And it has stopped
her headache.

Yours truly,
J. D. ANDY,
Worthington, W. Va., R. F. D. 1.

GAVE LIFE TRYING TO SAVE FRIEND

Two Foreigners Lose Lives
in River Just Below the
Hout Lock.

Joe Rateschke, aged 24 years, was
drowned and his companion, John
Yaneshki, aged 26, also lost his life in
the Monongahela river Sunday after-
noon at about 1:30 o'clock when he
attempted to save the life of his coun-
tryman.

The accident occurred directly op-
posite the new Dakota mines and a short
distance below the Hout lock.

Neither man could swim, and when
Rateschke stepped off the cribbing of
an old boat landing into 15 feet of wa-
ter he was helpless. Yaneshki seeing
the plight of his countryman, although
he could not swim himself, made fran-
tic efforts to rescue his friends and in
so doing he also fell into the water
both men drowning before help could
reach them.

The Dakota mine company has re-
cently constructed a bathing house
platform, spring board, etc., for the
use of its employees and yesterday quite
a number enjoyed the pastime of swim-
ming. The two victims of the accident
came to the beach and securing an old
boat rowed to the east side of the
river. The men decided to try to learn
to swim and Rateschke stepped from
the boat into what they supposed shall-
ow water, instead he struck a hole

and his companion also fell into the
hole in attempting to rescue his friend.
Dr. L. N. Yost, who was in the neigh-
borhood was summoned to the scene
and worked untiringly with the two
men while the city lungmoter was be-
ing rushed to the scene. Both men
were dead, however, beyond any help.

The bodies of the unfortunates were
taken to the Cunningham morgue
where they were prepared for burial
following the finding of the coroner
that their deaths were caused by ac-
cidental drowning. No funeral arrange-
ments have been made pending the ar-
rival of relatives from Latrobe, Pa.

AUTO CRASH VICTIM DIES IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Margaret Wilson's lung
Was Punctured Friday
Morning Last.

Mrs. Margaret Wilson, aged 40,
wife of C. H. Wilson, died Sunday af-
ternoon at Fairmont Hospital No. 3
from injuries received on Friday
when she was the victim of an auto-
mobile accident which occurred near
Riversville. Mrs. Wilson and her son,
Cecil, who is also a patient at the
hospital, suffering with injuries re-
ceived in the same accident, with
Mrs. John Brannon and her son John
were en route for Lovesville to gar-
ther blackberries, when in some man-
ner the brakes on the car refused to
work and the car ran up an embank-

ment overturning and pinning its vic-
tim beneath it. Mrs. Wilson sustained
several broken ribs one of which pen-
etrated her lung and her condition
was considered serious from the first.

The other members of the party
were all more or less injured, though
none seriously.
The deceased is survived by her
husband and two children, Cecil aged
about 16, and a daughter aged about
thirteen. The Wilson family reside
at the lower extension of Washington
street having come here a few years
ago from Calhoun county. Mr. Wil-
son is a carpenter in the employ of
the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad com-
pany at the Round House.

The body was prepared for burial
at the Musgrave Undertaking estab-
lishment and on Tuesday morning
will be taken to Calhoun county
where interment will be made.

What's at The Nelson Tonight?

Read what "Old Stager"
writes about the headlin-
ers at all the local theatres.
The expert reviews will
help you to pick the play
and the stars you like best
to see.

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Instructors will be here three days—state and government methods taught.

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den may be canned at prac-
tically no cost.

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Feed Us

This Coupon Saves
You

62c

"WEAR-EVER" COUPON
We will accept this coupon and 98c in pay-
ment for one "Wear-Ever" six quart Preserving
Kettle which sells regularly at \$1.60, provided
you present the coupon in person at store on
July 23, 24, 25—writing thereon your name, ad-
dress and date of purchase.
Name
Address
City Date

HALL HARDWARE CO.,
Main Street, Fairmont, W. Va.

THIS
SIX-QUART
"Wear-
Ever"
ALUMINUM KETTLE
Which Sells Regularly for \$1.60
ONLY WITH THE COUPON 98c
(\$1.60 WITHOUT COUPON)
HALL HARDWARE CO.



FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—(THERE'S METHOD TO HIS MADNESS.)—BY BLOSSER.

WHERE IN THE WORLD
HAS MY FACE
POWDER GONE?
O-H, I
TOOK IT!

YOU TOOK IT?
WHAT FOR?

TH' BUGS WUZ
GETTIN' THICK ON
MY POTATO PLANTS
AN' I USED TH'
POWDER ON
THEM!

WHY, FACE
POWDER WON'T
KILL POTATO
BUGS, SILLY.

W-WELL
DER-R-

PERHAPS IT WON'T
KILL 'EM, BUT IT'LL
MAKE 'EM LOOK SO
PALE THEY'LL WISH
THEY WUZ DEAD!!

KURIOSITY
KLUB
JOIN NOW AND GET AN
ORIGINAL DRAWING FREE.

ANSWERS TO
YESTERDAY'S
REBUS

AUTO REBUS-
"VIM"
ANSWERED BY
MARGY GUMP.

STATE CAPITOL
REBUS-
ST. PAUL
(MINN.)
ANSWERED BY H.

NOTICE:
SEND IN YOUR REBUS
AND WIN AN ORIGINAL
DRAWING OF ME—WRITE YOUR FULL
NAME AND ADDRESS—
FRECKLES

TO-DAY'S
AUTO &
REBUS—
GUESS THE
NAME OF AUTO!

WHAT STATE
IS THIS?
TO-MORROW'S
PAPER FOR
ANSWERS.

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